Last 30 Days of Season 26

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Finishing the Season of the Storyteller

As we wrap up the month of May, we're grateful for all the incredible stories we've been privileged to share with our great Xbox Ambassadors. Both Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month and Mental Health Awareness month gave us a wonderful chance to learn more about the personal stories and heritage of our ambassadors.

We also want to extend a warm welcome to all the new Xbox Ambassadors who joined last month, as well as wish our congratulations to any Xbox Ambassadors who celebrated their anniversary in the program last month.

We're always so grateful for the efforts you make as Xbox Ambassadors and positive minded gamers each day.

The Stories that Shape Us

Last month we discussed how stories are an important way that we understand the world around us. Each of us has a narrative of our lives. It binds together the events of each day, to create a meaning and lasting whole. In the upcoming month of June, we'll have the opportunity to learn more about the stories that help shape the lives and experiences of our Xbox Ambassadors.

Pride Month

June is the universal month celebrating the empowerment, visibility, and celebration of LGBT people throughout the world. The Xbox Ambassadors team is excited to mark and celebrate Pride month this year to help promote acceptance, inclusivity, and tolerance among both our Xbox Ambassadors community, as well as the larger gaming world. As part of our annual celebration of Pride, we'll be highlighting the LGBT stories from within the Xbox Ambassadors community, as well as celebrating the games that empower and highlight this community.

Celebrating the Last 30 Days of the Season

As we wrap up the season during Pride month, we'd like to take the time to highlight the fantastic games that share the perspective and stories of the LGBT community. The following games are all available on the Xbox platform.

1. **Life Is Strange**: From Max Caulfield, Chloe Price, and Sean Diaz are all characters in the *Life Is Strange* franchise who can take on non-heterosexual relationships depending upon the decisions that players can make. One of the most popular games in recent years, *Life Is Strange* was one of the first major video game franchises to embrace LGBT storylines.
2. **Stardew Valley**: Arguably the most successful indie game of all time, *Stardew Valley* was groundbreaking in its treatment of LGBT characters. Any of the potential suitors in the game's town are available to the player as a potential love interest, regardless of the player's character's gender.
3. **Tell Me Why**: The first AAA game to feature a transgender character as a main character, *Tell Me Why* was critically acclaimed for its authentic and respectful portrayal of trans concerns and the themes and feelings that can accompany transitioning.
4. **Hades**: The popular roguelike dungeon crawler is notable not only for its addictive gameplay and creative story and setting, but also its LGBT representation. The main character in *Hades* is openly and confidently bisexual, marking one of the first major portrayals of a bisexual character in an action or adventure game.
5. **The Outer Worlds**: While romance is not a central storyline in *The Outer Worlds*, the game still features romantic plotlines among side characters. One of the central ones, involves a budding romance between Parvati and Junlei. The player can choose to help advance the relationship along by providing support or even helping Parvati craft her opening lines.

Winning Together By Playing Together

The Xbox Ambassadors program has always been driven by our mission of making gaming a safer, more inclusive, and more welcoming environment for all gamers. As we celebrate Pride this month, it’s a perfect time to further commit ourselves to striving for greater tolerance, understanding, and acceptance among the larger Xbox community. We’d like to thank all the great Ambassadors who’ve made this program possible, and we appreciate all you do. From sharing positive messages to combating toxicity, this program wouldn’t be possible without your actions and support.

For more on what’s happening with the Xbox Ambassador’s program, be sure to follow us on Twitter.

In Case You Missed It

Our incredible individual Xbox Ambassadors are what help drive this program. That extends to the Xbox Ambassador Blog. Our blog discusses topics surrounding gaming and the larger Xbox community. Whether you’d like to share a story about how gaming has personally affected you, or if you have ideas on how to make gaming better, we’d love to read your writing!

We’re always accepting content submissions that are relevant to gaming and the Xbox Ambassadors community and are aligned with the program’s principles. Learn more about submitting your writing to the Xbox Ambassadors Blog.

Enjoy the last 30 days of Season 26!